

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manipulating a sent e-mail addressed by a sender to a plurality of addressees, said sent e-mail comprising an address header and a body, wherein said method comprises:

routing a modification message over a data network to a server that operates independently from any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees and on which at least the body of said sent e-mail is stored, said modification message being sent by said sender and for modifying said e-mail body; and

modifying said e-mail body at said server according to said modification message if said e-mail body has not been accessed on said server by any of said addressees, wherein the modification of said e-mail body is denied ~~to all addressees~~ if at least one addressee has accessed said e-mail body on said server, and wherein the modification of said e-mail body occurs at said server independently of any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees.

2. (*Previously Presented*) A method according to claim 1, wherein said modification of said e-mail comprises deleting said e-mail body or modifying a part of said e-mail body, said sender being informed by said server if said modification has been executed or not.

3. (Currently Amended) A server able to receive, from a data network, an e-mail comprising an address header and a body and addressed by a sender to a plurality of addressees, wherein said server operates independently from any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees, said server comprising:

means for storing at least the body of said received e-mail together with an access code on said server;

means for sending to each addressee a notification message of said e-mail, said notification message containing the access code for accessing said e-mail body;

means for handling a status storage indicating at least whether said e-mail body has been accessed by one of said addressees;

means for receiving a modification message for modifying said e-mail body; and

means for modifying said e-mail body according to said modification message, if said e-mail body has not been accessed on said server by any of said addressees, wherein the modification of said e-mail body is denied ~~to all addressees~~ if at least one addressee has accessed said e-mail body on said server, and wherein the modification of said e-mail body occurs at said server independently of any *e-mail* processing means associated with each of said addressees.

4. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising means for sending a message to the sender of said modification message to notify the sender if the modification has been executed or not.

5. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising means for sending a message to the sender of said e-mail containing said access code associated to said e-mail.

6. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising:
means for downloading said e-mail body to one of said addressee providing said access code; and

means for deleting said e-mail body at said server when each one of said addressees has accessed said e-mail body at said server.

7. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising:
means for storing the header of said e-mail; and
means for executing an authentication procedure when a user tries to access said e-mail body by providing said access code.

8. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising:
means for storing the header of said e-mail;
means for receiving a modification message for modifying said e-mail header only or said e-mail body; and
means for modifying said e-mail header according to said modification message, if said e-mail has not been accessed by any of said addressees.

9. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 3, further comprising:

- means for storing the header of said e-mail;
- means for sending to said addressees an e-mail containing said e-mail header and said e-mail body after a predefined time period; and
- deleting from said server said e-mail header and said e-mail body.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product to be executed on a server according to claim 3, said computer program product comprising computer program code means embodied on a computer-readable medium and adapted to perform a method of modifying an e-mail comprising an address header and a body and sent to a plurality of addressees, wherein said method comprises:

- storing the body of a received e-mail together with an access code on said server;
- sending to each addressee of said e-mail a notification containing the access code for accessing said e-mail body;
- handling a status storage indicating at least whether said e-mail body has been accessed by one of said addressees; and

- if a modification message for modifying said e-mail body is received, modifying said e-mail body according to said modification message, if said e-mail body has not been accessed on said server by any of said addressees, wherein the modification of said e-mail body is denied to all addressees if at least one addressee has accessed said e-mail body on said server, and wherein the modification of said e-mail body occurs at said server independently of any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product to be executed on a computer and comprising computer program code means embodied on a computer-readable medium, said computer program code means adapted to perform:

composing a modification message for modifying an e-mail addressed to a plurality of addressees and sent to a predefined server, said predefined server operating independently from any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees; and

sending said modification message to said server to modify at least the body of the e-mail sent to and stored on said predefined server if the e-mail body has not been accessed on said server by any of said addressees, wherein the modification of said e-mail body is denied to all addressees if at least one addressee has accessed said e-mail body on said server, and wherein the modification of said e-mail body occurs at said predefined server independently of any e-mail processing means associated with each of said addressees.

12. (Previously Presented) A personal computer equipped with a computer program according to claim 11.